

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend ¶[0017] beginning on page 5, lines 7 and 8 of the specification as follows:

[0017] ~~FIG. 2 sectional view of~~ FIGS. 2A, 2B and 2C show the side elevation, the front elevation and a top view, respectively, of a further embodiment of the vapour lift tube of the invention.

Please replace the current Abstract with the following new Abstract:

Liquid-vapour distribution device for use in two-phase concurrent down-flow vessels, ~~comprising:~~ having a level, horizontal tray being perforated with holes, each perforation through the horizontal tray being fitted with a vapour lift tube, the vapour lift tube ~~consists of~~ including at least one elongated up-flow leg and one down-flow leg creating at least one up-flow zone and a down-flow zone between the up-flow zone and down-flow zone, ~~the improvement of which comprises and~~ a bluff body being arranged within the transition zone and/or in a region of the upflow or down-flow zone adjacent to the transition zone of the vapour lift tube.

The new **Abstract** is provided as a separate sheet, on the next page.